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## **INQUIRY INTO SYDNEY STADIUMS STRATEGY**

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There are many critical flaws to your Moore Park Stadium proposal.

1. Major sporting events, while important, are not as critical to the community as many other activities and facilities. The case has not been made well, or believably, for pulling down a fairly recent building and replacing it with another - all for a possible five to ten days of the year when it attracts a decent crowd.

2. We do need funding in vital areas of everyday life such as education facilities and staffing (stop the contract madness in NSW public schools - get some permanent teachers), also the TAFE, public transport, health and sporting facilities at a local level.

2. If there is a business case to support this redevelopment, then those who are set to make it a profitable venture should be the ones to invest - the football codes and of course the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust. that's the whole point of "privatisation" - the "business" decides what makes commercial sense. its not the role of government to intervene and assist.

3. consider renovation rather than rebuild. we didn't sell off the electricity and other assets to waste it on this folly.

So I urge you to see the obvious;

- it is not needed,
- a larger stadium does not suit the current real and virtual environment,
- it is a shameful waste of public funds (NOT a priority)
- there is no decent business case, and if there were, then those parties should propose their own development without the use of government funds,
- major sporting events are losing their appeal due to their cost
- increasingly people (due to cost) enjoy viewing at home or on large screens at local facilities like pubs and clubs

thank you